

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399

Approved by the Governor March 16, 2011

Introduced by Avery, 28.

FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the number of signatures needed for nomination by petition in certain partisan offices; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-618 (1) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot for the general election shall be as follows:

(a) For each nonpartisan office other than members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members of a Class III school district, at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election in the district or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed two thousand; ~~and~~ If the district in which the petitions are circulated comprises two or more counties, at least ~~twenty-five~~ signatures shall be obtained in each county which has at least one hundred registered voters in the district;

(b) For members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election in the regent district in which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed one thousand; ~~and~~ If the regent district in which the petitions are circulated comprises more than two counties, at least ~~twenty-five~~ signatures shall be obtained in each of ~~two-fifths~~ of the counties comprising the district; and

(c) For board members of a Class III school district, at least twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for the board member receiving the highest number of votes at the immediately preceding general election in the school district.

(2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the partisan ballot for the general election shall be as follows:

(a) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of the entire state, at least four thousand, and at least seven hundred fifty signatures shall be obtained in each of ~~one-third~~ of the counties congressional district in the state; and

(b) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a county or political subdivision, at least twenty percent of the total vote for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election within the county or political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.

The number of signatures shall not be required to exceed one-fourth of the total number of registered voters voting for the office at the immediately preceding general election when the nomination is for a partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a county.

Sec. 2. Original section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.